

Introduced by Senator Fuller

February 17, 2017

An act to amend Section 21450.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to traffic-actuated signals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 672, as introduced, Fuller. Traffic-actuated signals: motorcycles and bicycles.

Existing law, until January 1, 2018, includes among traffic control devices, a traffic-actuated signal that displays one or more of its indications in response to the presence of traffic by mechanical, visual, electrical, or other means, and requires, upon the first placement of a traffic-actuated signal or replacement of the loop detector of a traffic-actuated signal, that the signal be installed and maintained, to the extent feasible and in conformance with professional engineering practices, so as to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway.

This bill would extend the operation of this requirement indefinitely.

By extending indefinitely requirements regarding traffic-actuated signals applicable to local governments, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21450.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 21450.5. (a) A traffic-actuated signal is an official traffic
4 control signal, as specified in Section 445, that displays one or
5 more of its indications in response to the presence of traffic
6 detected by mechanical, visual, electrical, or other means.
7 (b) Upon the first placement of a traffic-actuated signal or
8 replacement of the loop detector of a traffic-actuated signal, the
9 traffic-actuated signal shall, to the extent feasible and in
10 conformance with professional traffic engineering practice, be
11 installed and maintained so as to detect lawful bicycle or
12 motorcycle traffic on the roadway.
13 (c) Cities, counties, and cities and counties shall not be required
14 to comply with the provisions contained in subdivision (b) until
15 the Department of Transportation, in consultation with these
16 entities, has established uniform standards, specifications, and
17 guidelines for the detection of bicycles and motorcycles by
18 traffic-actuated signals and related signal timing.
19 ~~(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,~~
20 ~~2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,~~
21 ~~that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.~~
22 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
23 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
24 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
25 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
26 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.